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MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Shotaro YAMAGUCHI entitled
NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM
PRODUCING THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME,
PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF
Assignee: AMANO ENZYME INC.
Our Ref: Q80844

Dear Sir:

This is a request for filing a Divisional Application of pending prior Application No. 09/727,769 (Confirmation No. 5479) filed December 4, 2000 (now allowed) by Shotaro YAMAGUCHI entitled NOVEL PROTEIN-DEAMIDATING ENZYME, MICROORGANISM PRODUCING THE SAME, GENE ENCODING THE SAME, PRODUCTION PROCESS THEREFOR, AND USE THEREOF, which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of U.S. Application No. 09/324,910, filed June 3, 1999 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,251,651).

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract and four sheets (Figures 1-8) of drawings. Also, enclosed are (1) a copy of the Declaration and Assignment as filed in the prior application, (2) a Preliminary Amendment, (3) an Information Disclosure Statement and a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing references cited by applicant and/or the examiner during prosecution of the prior application, (4) paper and computer-readable formats of a Sequence Listing, and (5) a Statement to Support Filing and Submission in Accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825.

The Assignment was recorded on March 2, 2001, at Reel 011561, Frame 0007.

The prior application is assigned to Examiner Manjunath N. Rao in Group Art Unit 1652.

This is a divisional of Application No. 09/727,769, filed December 4, 2000, (now allowed), which is a Continuation-In-Part Application of U.S. Application No. 09/324,910, filed June 3, 1999, (now U.S. Patent No. 6,251,651); the above noted prior applications are all hereby incorporated by reference.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	10-173940	June 4, 1998
Japan	11-345044	December 9, 1999

The priority document, JP 10-173940 was filed in the grand-parent Application No. 09/324,910 and the priority document, JP 11-345044 was filed in the parent Application No. 09/727,769.

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	<u>20</u>	-	20	=	<u>0</u>	x	\$18.00	=	<u>\$0.00</u>
Independent claims	<u>8</u>	-	3	=	<u>5</u>	x	\$86.00	=	<u>\$430.00</u>
Base Fee									<u>\$770.00</u>
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee									<u>\$290.00</u>
TOTAL FILING FEE									<u>\$1,490.00</u>

A check for the statutory fee of \$1,404.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

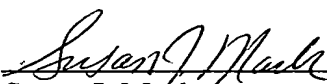
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